

1 **CLAIM LISTING**

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3 Claims 1-15 (cancelled)

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5 Claim 16 (new): A T-post extender comprising:

6 an elongated longitudinal element having a longitudinal axis and an exterior surface that is
7 substantially a cylinder, the longitudinal axis being defined as the mathematical least squares straight line
8 fit to the centroids of all cross sections of the longitudinal element, the longitudinal element having
9 maximum extent in any direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of about 1/2 inch, the
10 longitudinal element being able to withstand bending moments in any direction perpendicular to the
11 longitudinal axis of at least 200 pound-inch;

12 one and only one stop element surrounding the longitudinal element, the stop element in a
13 selected position along the longitudinal element, the selected position being relative to a first end of the
14 longitudinal element, the stop element having maximum extent in the longitudinal axial direction of less
15 than about 2 inch, and, when the stop element and longitudinal axis are projected onto any plane having a
16 normal perpendicular to the longitudinal axis, the stop element at substantially its end in the longitudinal
17 direction nearest the first end of the longitudinal element has a projected profile that extends at least 1/2
18 inch in each of the two radially opposed directions measured from the projected longitudinal axis; and
19 an attachment means for fixing the stop element to the longitudinal element at the selected
20 position.

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22 Claim 17 (new): The T-post extender of claim 16 wherein the longitudinal element is a length of
23 steel rebar, the stop element is a steel flat washer, and the attachment means for fixing the stop element
24 to the longitudinal element at the selected position is by welding the flat washer to the rebar.

1 Claim 18 (new): The T-post extender of claim 17 wherein the rebar is 1/2 inch diameter, and the
2 steel flat washer has an interior diameter of about 1/2 inch that is sufficient for the steel flat washer to
3 slide over the rebar into position for attachment by welding.

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5 Claim 19 (new): A high fence support comprising the T-post extender of claim 16 in
6 combination with a steel T-post having an upper end and having cross sections substantially in the shape
7 of a T, the T having a stem and an over-bar, one end of the stem of the T meeting the over-bar of the T at
8 its center and at substantially right angles, the steel T-post having one or more wire ties each surrounding
9 the T-post at substantially a cross section of the T-post near its upper end, each wire tie either completely
10 surrounding the T-post or in combination with a fence wire completely surrounding the T-post, the
11 interstitial space between the T-post and each wire tie formed by the stem of the T, the over-bar of the T,
12 and the wire tie being sufficient to accept the first end of the T-post extender longitudinal element, the T-
13 post extender inserted from the top of the T-post into interstitial spaces formed by the T-post and wire
14 ties, coming to a stop when the stop element rests against the top of the T-post with the wire ties laterally
15 restraining the T-post extender adjacent the T-post.